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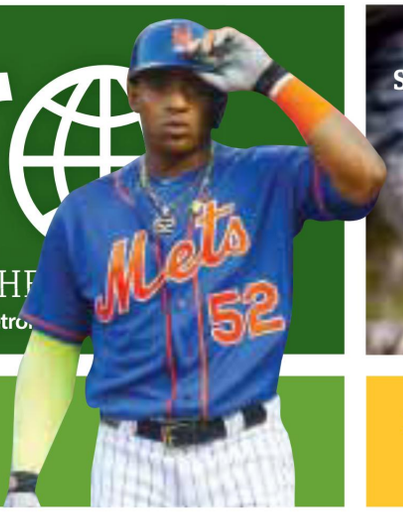

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## CHICAGO POLICE UNION HIRES OFFICER WHO KILLED BLACK TEEN

The Chicago police union has hired as a janitor the white officer charged with fatally shooting a black teenager in 2014 as a way of helping him financially, local media reported Thursday. Jason Van Dyke was charged with first-degree murder last November, more than a year after he shot Laquan McDonald 16 times. The October 2014 shooting was captured on patrol-car dashboard camera videos that were released the day Van Dyke was charged, prompting weeks of protests. Dean Angelo, president of the Fraternal Order of Police, Chicago Lodge 7, told local media Van Dyke wash hired about three weeks ago.

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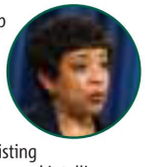
## PENTAGON TO SEND SOME GUANTANAMO INMATES TO OTHER COUNTRIES

2 The Pentagon plans to transfer about a dozen inmates of the Guantanamo military prison to at least two countries that have agreed to take them, a U.S. official said Wednesday, the latest move in President Barack Obama's final push to close the facility. The first of the transfers is expected in the next few days and the others will take place in coming weeks, said the official, who spoke on condition of anonymity. Among them will be Tariq Ba Odah, a Yemeni man who has been on a long-term hunger strike and has lost about half his body weight. There are now 91 prisoners at the U.S. naval base in Guantanamo Bay, Cuba. Most have been held without charge or trial for more than a decade, drawing international condemnation. REUTERS

## FBI TEAMS HELPING BELGIUM INVESTIGATE RECENT ATTACKS



3 The United States has sent FBI teams to help Belgian authorities investigate the March 22 attacks that killed 35 people, including several Americans, and U.S. and Belgian officials will discuss the cooperation this week, the White House said Thursday. "Belgium has accepted our assistance. We have FBI teams on the ground assisting with the investigation. We are sharing information and intelligence with Belgium as it relates to terrorist threats," White House Deputy National Security Adviser Ben Rhodes told reporters. Rhodes said the Belgian interior minister was expected to discuss the security cooperation with Attorney General Loretta Lynch during the Nuclear Security Summit in Washington this week. REUTERS

A passenger breastfeeds her child on the subway in Washington Heights. GETTY IMAGES

# New bill could mean 'safe' breastfeeding locations across NYC

The proposal would create "lactation stations" across the city.

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Women in NYC have had the legal right to breastfeed wherever they are for more than 20 years and now the City Council is considering legislation that would create designated "safe" locations around the city for nursing mothers to breastfeed in private.

The bill, Intro 1063, discussed at a Council hearing on Wednesday, refers to the locations as "lactation rooms" and stipulates that the city's Department of Health and Mental Hygiene (DOHMH) ensure that social service, health centers, clinics and other city agencies that provide on-site services to the public make at least one lactation room available to the public. The DOHMH would also be required to promote the lactation rooms and make a full list of locations available on its website.

"Lactation stations are a public accommodation whose time has come," said City Council Member Robert E. Cornegy, one of the bill's primary sponsors. "The intent is not to hide breastfeeding away, but rather to support this healthy and challenging choice that benefits mothers, babies and public health."

The New York State Health Department says that breastfeeding has numerous health benefits including reducing the risk of allergies, obesity and other illnesses while strengthening the bond between mother and baby.

Dr. Susan Vierczhalek, chair of The New York Statewide Breastfeeding Coalition and also a pediatrician who directs the newborn nursery at Bellevue Hospital Center in NYC, said the legislation is needed to help support and further promote breastfeeding as normal, natural and healthy.

Vierczhalek, who testified at the council hearing, said that while a majority of women start nursing in a hospital, about 75 percent in New York state, rates drop-off quickly and very few reach the recommended levels of breastfeeding, currently a year or longer.

She also noted that breastfeeding in public can elicit unwanted attention, such as awkward stares or even comments up to and including harassment.

"Breastfeeding is still not fully accepted in our culture yet perfectly normal in many others," Vierczhalek said, adding that she believes that designated spaces will help to address this issue.

> *"Breastfeeding is still not fully accepted in our culture yet perfectly normal in many others."* Vierczhalek

Recent instances of women being either interfered with or harassed while breastfeeding in public include a case last year when a woman was told by a Century 21 department store employee to go to a fitting room to continue nursing her baby. New York Attorney General Eric Schneiderman settled with the store and ordered it to pay $5,000 to support breastfeeding programs.

In 2014, a similar case was also settled with Barnes and Noble in Nanuet, New York, when a woman who was breastfeeding was told to leave the store.

Planned Parenthood in NYC also expressed support for the proposed legislation.

"Access to lactation rooms, as well as greater education on breastfeeding resources, and compliance with breastfeeding laws, are important tools for families," said spokesperson Christina Chang.

"We must support everyone's decisions about breastfeeding and pumping, whether they prefer to do that in a lactation room or in the public. No one should have to face stigma because of their personal decisions about how to care for their child."

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# John Kasich on Forkgate: 'The pizza came scalding hot, OK?'

Kasich, a Republican presidential hopeful, did not let the pizza-eating faux pas stop him from enjoying other items at the restaurant.

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Republican presidential hopeful Gov. John Kasich is on the defensive after being caught eating New York pizza in a very un-New York fashion.

During a stop at Gino's Pizzeria in Howard Beach, Queens, Kasich ate pizza with a fork, immediately drawing the faux disapproval of locals and reporters alike, according to Fox News.

"The pizza came scalding hot, and so I used a little fork, OK?" Kasich said on "Good Morning America," according to Fox. "My wife, who is on spring break with my daughters, said, 'I'm proud of you. You finally learned how to use a utensil properly.'"

*"The pizza came scalding hot, and so I used a little fork, OK?"*
Kasich

Kasich isn't alone when it comes to drawing New Yorkers' attention for using cutlery to eat pizza, the New York Daily News reported. Donald Trump used a fork to eat a slice in 2011 at Famiglia Pizzeria in Times Square with Sarah Palin, and Mayor de Blasio followed suit at a Staten Island pizzeria last year.

Kasich, though, did not let the pizza-eating faux pas stop him from enjoying other items at the restaurant, according to Fox.

"Not only did I eat the pizza, I had the hot sausage. It was fantastic," Fox quoted the governor.

The image that launched a thousand tweets of outrage. GETTY IMAGES

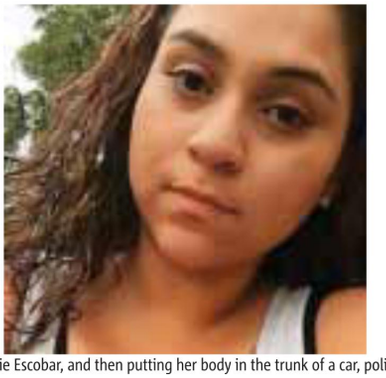
# DA: Man admits to stabbing girlfriend to death after body found in car trunk

A Queens man who fled the state after his girlfriend's body was found in the trunk of her own car has pleaded guilty to her fatal stabbing, prosecutors said.

Luis Zambrano, 30, of Flushing, entered his guilty plea Wednesday on charges of first-degree manslaughter and third-degree attempted burglary on an unrelated crime. According to the district attorney's office, he faces sentencing April 19, at which time the judge is expected to give him 25 years in prison on the manslaughter charge and a consecutive term of up to three years for the attempted burglary.

"A young mother's life was senselessly cut short by the man who professed to love her," Queens District Attorney Richard A. Brown said in a statement. "To hide his actions, he hid her bloody body in the trunk of her own car and then fled the state, only to be caught a few days later.

"He will now face a lengthy term behind bars when sentenced next month."



Luis Zambrano admitted to stabbing Angie Escobar, and then putting her body in the trunk of a car, police say. PROVIDED

Zambrano's girlfriend, Angie Escobar, 28, was last seen Sept. 4, 2015, according to prosecutors. Her family reported her missing four days later. On Sept. 10, Escobar's decomposing body was found in the trunk of her Nissan Maxima, which had been abandoned near 22nd Avenue and Murray Street in Whitestone.

A medical examiner's report showed that she was repeatedly stabbed on or about Sept. 6.

Zambrano was arrested in Daleville, Virginia, on Sept. 18. In addition to admitting that he intended "to cause serious physical injury" to Escobar, he also in his plea said he broke into the Paradise Alley Bar, at 41-09 150th St. in Queens, on the night of Oct. 2, 2013, and he stole about $100 in cash and three bottles of alcohol.

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## BRIEF

**Woman blown off roof while urinating in the wind: NYPD**
A young woman was blown off the roof of a Washington Heights building while urinating early Wednesday morning, according to the NYPD.

The 19-year-old woman was drunk when the gust of wind caused her to topple off of the 179th Street building's roof around 2:15 a.m. Wednesday, DNAinfo reported.

The woman, who was not identified, reportedly fell two stories and was in critical condition at a Harlem hospital. She had been drinking alcohol before the incident and was on the roof with a 21-year-old man, according to DNAinfo.

It's the second recent incident in the New York area where a person has been blown from a rooftop. Earlier this week, police in New Jersey were investigating after strong winds appeared to play a part in the death of a Teaneck building manager's death.

In that incident, the man fell seven stories.

Strong winds were expected to continue this week, with gusts as high as 34 mph through Thursday night. MORGAN ROUSSEAU

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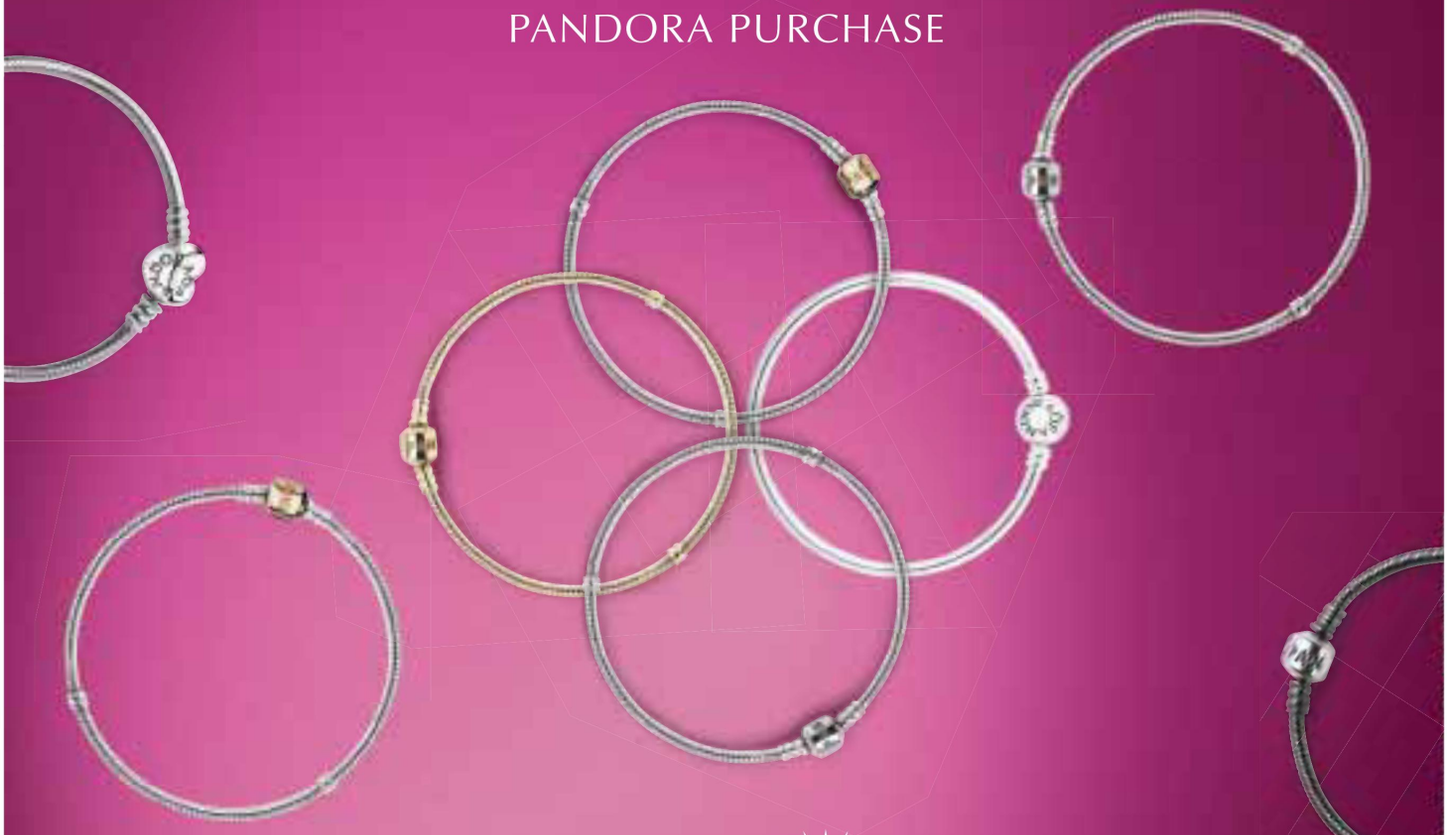

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# What makes real estate sell quickly in New York?

Techniques homeowners should use to get property off the market ASAP in four boroughs.

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Looking to sell your home?

To help reduce the time that a home is listed for sale, two reports have assembled data on when to list and even what to say.

Real estate site StreetEasy released Thursday two comprehensive analyses to help New York City home sellers be more efficient in their listings.

The first report examined when homes in each borough averaged a short time on the market but still resulted in a high bid.

Sellers in Manhattan and Queens are just entering into the optimal time of year to list properties, according to StreetEasy, with those boroughs seeing short market times leading to the highest bids in April and May, respectively.

The best month to sell in the Bronx is February, while Brooklyn homes move quickest in March.

What to say in a listing was also considered in a related StreetEasy analysis that found certain terms appeared more frequently in listings for sought-after homes.

*"farmers market"*

*"sublet policy"*

*"stainless steel"*

*"parent buying"*

*"private driveway"*

By comparing the words that appeared in the descriptions of the fastest versus slowest-selling homes, StreetEasy found which verbiage was favored in Manhattan, Brooklyn, Queens and the Bronx.

Manhattan buyers were looking for investment-related topics such as "sublet policy" and "parent buying" and for high-end brands like Ann Sacks and Bianco Dolomiti. Brooklynites seemed most concerned about food, with "farmers market," "grocery store" and "breakfast bar" each among the most popular terms.

In Queens, family life was on buyers' minds as "2-bedroom," "master bedroom," "closet space" and "dining room" helped homes sell quicker, and Bronx residents favored commuter-centric language like "private driveway" and "Midtown Manhattan."

Some things never go out of style, as "Trader Joe's" and "stainless steel," both popular in 2015, remained popular listing descriptions in 2016 as well, according to StreetEasy.

# New images show suspect in attacks on elderly

The suspect PROVIDED

Police have intensified the hunt for a serial robber who has been targeting the elderly in two boroughs with acts of violence before stealing from them.

The NYPD has released new images of the suspect, described as a black man between 40 and 60 years old, 5-foot-10 to 6 feet tall and about 250 pounds. The images were captured around the most recent attack on March 26, when the suspect allegedly hit an 83-year-old woman in the face with a hard object after he knocked on the door of her apartment at Ocean Parkway and Beverly Road in Brooklyn before fleeing empty-handed, police reported.

On March 19, the same suspect allegedly demanded money from an 81-year-old woman and 43-year-old man in a building at Prospect Place and Carlton Avenue in Brooklyn, according to police, who added that he threatened the pair with a boxcutter and gun before fleeing with $330.

On Wednesday, March 2, at 555 Ninth St. in Brooklyn, police stated that the suspect followed a 91-year-old woman, placed her in a chokehold and took her money before also robbing at gunpoint a 50-year-old man who happened upon the incident. The suspect fled with $370.

On Feb. 11, the suspect allegedly followed a 71-year-old woman into her residence at Prospect Place and Sixth Avenue in Brooklyn, where he robbed her of $375 after hitting her in the mouth, causing a laceration, and attempting to tie her up, according to police.

The suspect's first robbery was reported Jan. 20 and took place near Myrtle Avenue and Weirfield Street in Queens, authorities have said. The suspect followed a 76-year-old woman into her home and demanded money from her and an 87-year-old man while threatening them with a knife and gun.

Anyone with information in regard to these robberies is asked to call the NYPD's Crime Stoppers Hotline at 1-800-577-TIPS (8477) or for Spanish, 1-888-57-PISTA (74782). The public can also submit tips at www.NYPDcrimestoppers.com or by texting to 274637 (CRIMES) then entering TIP577. All calls are strictly confidential.

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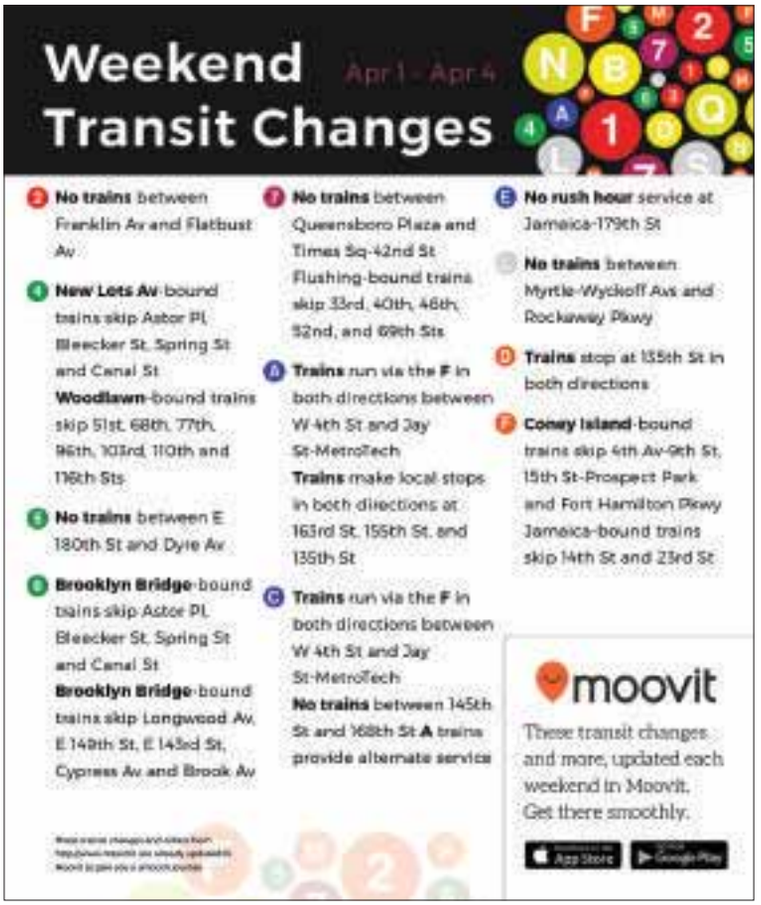
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# Suspect at large after zip-tying, robbing woman in the Bronx

The victim was forced by the suspect into her bedroom where he zip-tied her hands.

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Police are searching for this suspect. NYPD

The NYPD is seeking a man possibly connected to a home invasion and robbery that left one woman zip-tied in her bedroom.

Around 2 p.m. on Monday, March 7, a suspect posing as a city employee needing to check lead levels was allowed inside a woman's apartment on University Avenue in the Bronx, police reported.

The woman, 28, was then forced by the suspect into her bedroom where he zip-tied her hands before going through the apartment, officials added. He removed cash and a Galaxy cellphone.

Police stated that they were searching for the suspect, described as a Hispanic man who is approximately 5-foot-10 and possibly in his 30s.

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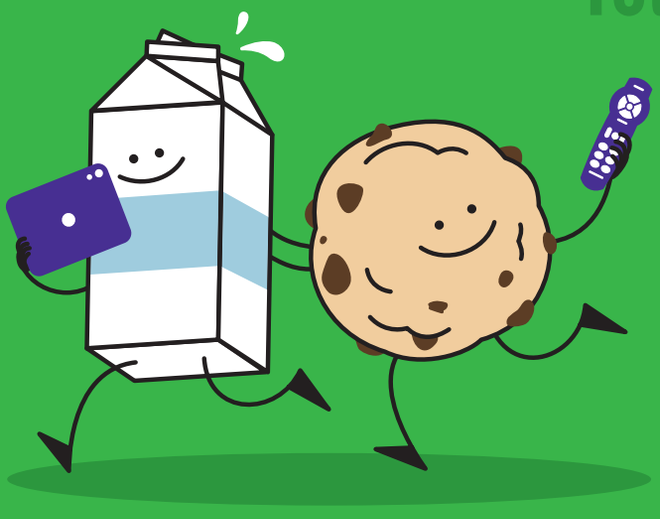

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## BRIEF

**Uber CEO must face price-fixing lawsuit by passengers, US court rules**

Travis Kalanick, chief executive of Uber Technologies Inc., failed Thursday to win the dismissal of an antitrust lawsuit accusing him of scheming to drive up prices for passengers who use the popular ride-hailing service.

U.S. District Judge Jed Rakoff in Manhattan said Kalanick must face claims he conspired with drivers to ensure they charge prices set by an algorithm in the Uber smartphone app to hail rides, including "surge pricing" during periods of peak demand.

Passengers led by Spencer Meyer of Connecticut claimed drivers conspired with Kalanick to charge fares set by the algorithm, with an understanding that other Uber drivers would do the same, even if they might fare better acting on their own.

Rakoff said the plaintiffs "plausibly alleged a conspiracy" to fix prices in this manner, and could also pursue claims that Kalanick's actions drove out rivals such as Sidecar, enabling Uber to command 80 percent of mobile-app-generated ride shares.

"The advancement of technological means for the orchestration of large-scale price-fixing conspiracies need not leave antitrust law behind," the judge wrote.

Meyer's lawsuit seeks class-action status on behalf of Uber passengers nationwide who have used the app and a subclass of passengers subjected to surge pricing.

Uber takes a share of the revenue that drivers generate.

"We disagree with this ruling," Uber said in response to a request for comment on behalf of Kalanick and the San Francisco-based company. "These claims are unwarranted and have no basis in fact." REUTERS

Low wage workers and supporters protest for a $15 an hour minimum wage
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# NY in tentative deal to raise minimum wage toward $15 an hour

Gov. Andrew Cuomo and state legislative leaders reached a tentative deal Thursday to raise New York state's minimum wage toward $15 per hour but fell short of a uniform statewide increase, lawmakers said.

The deal outlines a faster rise in New York City, but carves out a slow lane for small businesses and its surrounding counties. In less prosperous areas north of the city it rises to $12.50 an hour before a state review of the law's impact.

The minimum wage has been a sticking point in difficult budget negotiations that threaten to delay a spending plan past the start of the state's fiscal year April 1. The agreement still needs to be approved by lawmakers.

Phil Steck, a Democratic Party Assembly member, said that under the terms of the deal the minimum wage would rise to $15 an hour from $9 over three years in New York City starting Dec. 31, 2016. City businesses with up to 10 employees would be given four years to implement the measure.

Long Island and Westchester County would be given six years to push through the increases. The rest of the state would see the minimum wage rise to $12.50 in five years, with increases to $15 possible after review.

Several other lawmakers confirmed the terms of the agreement to Reuters.

The compromise is a climb down for Cuomo and his fellow Democrats, who had pushed for a $15 statewide minimum and no carve-outs for small businesses. Republicans argued that a flat state-wide rate could hurt businesses in less wealthy areas.

Steck, however, who represents a district 165 miles north of the city, argued that the opposite was true.

"We have a very strapped economy in Upstate New York, and the surest way to ensure continued poverty is to run a low-wage economy." he said. "If anything, the poorer areas of the state needed an increase in the minimum wage more." REUTERS

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# Conservatives push for nearly unthinkable death penalty ban

A former gun-industry lobbyist and budget-hawk Republicans are leading what might seem to be an unlikely hard-right campaign: trying to sway conservatives in places like Utah and Kansas that they should be the first Republican-held states in four decades to ban the death penalty.

The push from the political advocacy group Conservatives Concerned About the Death Penalty and lawmakers in places such as Nebraska would have been unthinkable a few years ago, when it would have been conservative heresy to end capital punishment, a program seen as bedrock issue of the law-and-order policies embraced by the party.

But those leading the campaign say the death penalty is a costly, inefficient and heavily bureaucratic program that runs counter to their core conservative values of limited government.

The six states that have abolished the death penalty since 2007 are left-leaning Maryland, Connecticut, Illinois, New Mexico, New Jersey and New York. Now, red-state Nebraska lawmakers passed a ban voters must approve. GETTY IMAGES

"This is not an issue just for bleeding-heart liberals. This is an issue that pragmatic conservatives are getting on board with," said Marc Hyden, a coordinator of Conservatives Concerned about the Death Penalty, a network of political and social conservatives who say capital punishment does not align with their values.

Republican support for the death penalty remains strong, at 76 percent in 2014, but that number is down from 85 percent in 1994, according to Gallup.

The conservative push against the death penalty is in its early phase but has led lawmakers in Nebraska last year to be the first Republican-dominated state in more than 40 years to approve an execution ban. The measure now needs approval from voters in November to take effect. In March, lawmakers in red-state Utah came close to passing a similar ban. REUTERS

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# RACE FOR THE WHITE HOUSE

# Trump meets with RNC after dumping his loyalty pledge

On Tuesday, Trump backed away from a loyalty pledge he signed in September promising to support the party's eventual nominee and not to run an independent campaign for the White House.

Republican presidential front-runner Donald Trump made a surprise closed-door visit to the Republican National Committee on Thursday after a tumultuous two days that featured a reversal of his pledge to support the party's nominee.

Trump, who also has struggled to contain the fallout from his comments Wednesday in support of punishing women for having abortions, tweeted afterward that he had a "nice meeting" with RNC Chairman Reince Preibus but divulged no details.

Donald Trump GETTY IMAGES

"Looking forward to bringing the party together," he said. "And it will happen!"

Trump's relationship with the RNC has been contentious at times, and he recently complained the party was not treating him fairly as it made preparations for a possible contested convention in July in Cleveland.

The RNC pledge has unraveled as Trump's remaining rivals, U.S. Sen. Ted Cruz of Texas and Ohio Gov. John Kasich, also indicated they were unlikely to observe the pledge if Trump was the nominee.

Barry Bennett, an adviser to the Trump campaign, said Thursday's visit was about Trump helping the RNC raise money.

"The meeting is to help the RNC," he said on MSNBC.

The billionaire businessman was in Washington for an announced meeting with members of his newly established foreign policy team. His campaign said it also was setting up a Washington office to run its convention operations and work with the RNC and Congress.

But Trump's campaign also was trying to dig out from under a torrent of criticism about his comment that women should face punishment for getting abortions if the procedure was outlawed, although he quickly reversed his stance. REUTERS

## A Hillary 'selfie'

Democratic presidential candidate Hillary Clinton takes a selfie with supporters after speaking at the State University of New York at Purchase on Thursday. Clinton gave a speech to students and supporters that covered a host of domestic and international issues. New York will hold its primaries April 19. GETTY IMAGES

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# Immigration minister: Canada to take in 10K more Syrian refugees

McCallum told the Canadian Broadcasting Corp. he was responding to complaints from Canadian groups who want to sponsor Syrian refugees but did not have their applications processed quickly enough to be among the government's initial target of 25,000.

Syrian refugees arriving in Toronto. GETTY IMAGES

Canada will take in an additional 10,000 Syrian refugees, adding to the more than 25,000 already received in the last few months, Immigration Minister John McCallum said Thursday in Germany, where an influx of refugees has sparked a backlash.

"We are doing everything we can to accommodate the very welcomed desire on the part of Canadians to sponsor refugees," McCallum said in a phone interview with CBC News from Berlin, where he is meeting with the German interior minister.

The Liberal government won election in October 2015 pledging to bring in more Syrian refugees more quickly than the previous Conservative government. Private groups including church, family and community organizations had lined up to sponsor Syrian families.

The welcome contrasts sharply to Europe, where resettlement has sparked an anti-migrant backlash amid security fears.

While there have been some delays finding permanent housing for refugees arriving in Canada, particularly in large cities like Toronto, where the housing market is tight, the resettlement program has been mostly smooth.

A poll released last month showed Canadians were divided over whether to accept more Syrian refugees.

A total of 26,200 Syrian refugees had arrived in Canada as of March 28, according to the Immigration Department. But nearly 16,000 more applications are in process or have been finalized, even though the refugees have not yet arrived, according to official figures.

McCallum said he has instructed bureaucrats to extend the deadline for submitting sponsorship applications to Thursday from the initial March 1 deadline, which should allow the department to process the backlog.
REUTERS

## BRIEF

**Suspected gunman, state trooper dead in Virginia shooting: media**
A Virginia state trooper and a suspected gunman died in a shooting at a Richmond bus station Thursday, local media reported, citing police sources.

About six people including the trooper and gunman were injured in the attack, which took place around 2:45 p.m. EDT as state police were conducting a training exercise at the bus station, near a baseball stadium, local media reported.

Virginia State Police spokeswoman Corinne Geller said she did not know the nature or severity of the injuries to the troopers or to a wounded civilian woman.

A spokesman for VCU Medical Center in Richmond said the hospital was expecting patients from the shooting, but declined to release further information.

Michael Bickett, who said he works directly across the street from the loading area from the buses said in a direct Twitter message: "A co-worker was eating lunch in his car when he saw Greyhound workers and customers rushing out the side door. He figured that was a good time to get back inside."
REUTERS

# FBI's secret method of unlocking iPhone may never reach Apple

Under the U.S. vulnerabilities equities process, the government is supposed to err in favor of disclosing security issues so companies can devise fixes to protect data.

Apple said it would like the government to provide information about the technique used. GETTY IMAGES

The FBI may be allowed to withhold information about how it broke into an iPhone belonging to a gunman in the December San Bernardino shootings, despite a U.S. government policy of disclosing technology security flaws discovered by federal agencies.

Apple Inc. has said it would like the government to share how it cracked the iPhone security protections. But the Federal Bureau of Investigation, which has been frustrated by its inability to access data on encrypted phones belonging to criminal suspects, might prefer to keep secret the technique it used to gain access to gunman Syed Farook's phone.

The referee is likely to be a White House group formed during the Obama administration to review computer security flaws discovered by federal agencies and decide whether they should be disclosed.

Experts said government policy on such reviews was not clear-cut, so it was hard to predict whether a review would be required. "There are no hard and fast rules," said White House cybersecurity coordinator Michael Daniel, in a 2014 blog post about the process.

If a review is conducted, many security researchers expect that the White House group will not require the FBI to disclose the vulnerability it exploited.

Some experts said the FBI might be able to avoid a review entirely if, for instance, it got past the phone's encryption using a contractor's proprietary technology.

Explaining the policy in 2014, the Office of the Director of National Security said the government should disclose vulnerabilities "unless there is a clear national security or law enforcement need."

The interagency review process also considers whether others are likely to find the vulnerability. It tends to focus on flaws in major networks and software, rather than individual devices.

During a press call, a senior Justice Department official declined to disclose whether the method used on Farook's phone would work on other phones or would be shared with state and local law enforcement. REUTERS

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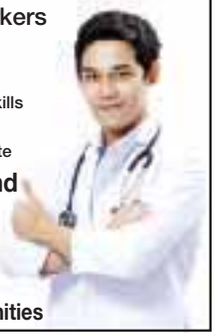

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"God's Not Dead 2" once again tries to convince audiences there's a big war between nice Christians and mean secularists. **PURE FLIX**

"Drive Me Crazy" star Melissa Joan Hart is finally in a movie again. Unfortunately it's "God's Not Dead 2." **PURE FLIX**

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# Better off 'Dead'

Religious movies are in a bad spot right now, and even Melissa Joan Hart can't save them.

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The biggest new movie release this week is, of course, a sequel. But it's not another superhero romp, or a YA movie, or even a family film — the three types of movies Hollywood now makes with any regularity. It's "God's Not Dead 2," whose predecessor was a very, very surprise hit two years back. It's the fourth religious movie of 2016 alone, and it wasn't screened for critics (natch). But if it's anything like 2014's "God's Not Dead," it's probably terrible and horribly depressing.

At this point there are more Christian-driven movies than at any other time in history — even more than when Hollywood devoted its biggest budgets to religious epics like "The Robe," "The Ten Commandments" and "Ben-Hur."

But so far quantity has trumped quality, and not merely because many are amateurish and lumpy. They tend to depict faith as a paranoid, black-and-white battle between nice believers and mean secularists, fanning the flames of a culture war that has been so greatly exaggerated that, with the rise of Trump, the imagined has finally become real.

The worst offender is the first "God's Not Dead," which makes sense seeing as it was a $2 million indie from a tiny evangelical company. Former "Hercules" he-man Kevin Sorbo plays a mean philosophy professor — it's called typecasting, people — who berates and threatens to destroy the college career of a nice Christian boy who refuses to sign a paper on the first day of class saying God does not exist.

But this fantasy is one of the least of the movie's offenses. Its worldview is of the cruel Old Testament kind, meaning it's driven by a sense of victimization and even dark vengeance. Sorbo's character does not meet a nice end, and among its far too many characters and subplots is a villainous Muslim father and an evil female journalist who questions "Duck Dynasty" bro Willie Robertson about his belief that wives should be submissive to husbands. She's rewarded with a diagnosis of cancer.

The bigger Hollywood religious entries go relatively light, but they often leave some room for persecution. In "Miracles from Heaven," Jennifer Garner prays her face off until her sickly daughter gets better, she thinks by a divine hand. But just like in the uncannily similar "Heaven is for Real," the climax features her beset-upon by rude monsters who question her claims, and we're only supposed to sympathize with her because they make her sad.

Christianity has been on the (very slight) decline since 2007, while being religiously "unaffiliated" is in vogue. That may partly explain why some faith-based films tend to act as though what's still the nation's No. 1 religion is under assault. But as in any form of cultural debate, the shrillest tend to be the loudest, and the films' Christians are no different. Everyday Christians, like any group, deserve movies that speak directly to them. Right now they're getting screwed.

Jennifer Garner in "Miracles from Heaven" **COLUMBIA PICTURES**

## Even the OK ones suck

Even when these films largely refrain from painting believers as victims, they don't have much else going on. "The Young Messiah," the one about a button-cute, ever-smiling 7-year-old J.C. from March, is singularly dull and uneventful. The best of the recent batch, "Risen," has a legitimately strong first half: it's the Resurrection story told from the Roman side, and essentially an episode of "CSI" with sandals. But once our cynical soldier hero (Joseph Fiennes) has flip-flopped and joined up with the Apostles, it's a slog en route to a non-ending.

# Brain game

Cracking the code with rapper Logic.

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Logic's "The Incredible True Story" features spacey album art you've got to see to believe. RYAN JAY

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Logic says he almost went by the name Psychological. "My best friend [Big Lenbo] gave me the name Logic because for a while I was going with Psychological, but that's a f—ing horrible rap name," the 26-year-old rapper laughs. "He just started calling me Logic for short. Like who was ever going to call me that?"

Born Sir Robert Bryson Hall II, the rapper released his sophomore studio album, "The Incredible True Story," in November and is now on a world tour with many of the space-bound characters depicted in the cover art. He calls us after a nap on his bus in Toronto to talk about Rubik's cubes, "Futurama" and his budget-blowing trip to Hawaii.

## Speed demon

Logic is a self-described freak when it comes to solving a puzzle or beating that next level on a game. However, a good old fashioned Rubik's Cube is what keeps Logic on his toes — one even showed up in his album art by Sam Spratt.

"Someone got me [a Rubik's Cube] as a present in 2014 on Thanksgiving," he explains. "I stayed up and taught myself how to solve it within 16 hours. I looked up all the algorithms and tutorials until I could do it. And then I learned the faster way and the easier way and the shortcut way. I memorized all the tricks and patterns."

Now Logic can solve a standard Rubik's Cube in 35 to 40 seconds, but says his personal best is 23.

"Currently I'm working on a mirror cube that a fan brought me. I knew I had to learn how to do it, and it took me about two and a half hours that first time," he tells us. "I'm a persistent motherf—."

## Fifteen tickets to paradise

To finish his second studio album, Logic decided to take a 15-person trip to Hawaii. He estimates it cost around $100,000, a budget-busting excursion the rapper treated his crew and family to in order to achieve the real life "paradise" described in the album's narrative.

While "The Incredible True Story" is more of a space odyssey than a trip to a private beach, Logic says the actual flight inspired him as well.

"We flew to Hawaii and I have a huge fear of flying," he explains. "I had never flown for personal reasons. Everywhere I started flying — I took my first flight for a business reason, like shows or festivals or you have to go to Europe for whatever. For this trip, I face my fears and white-knuckle through it."

## Cartoon cravings

Logic says he grew up watching anime and bounty hunter series, "Cowboy Bebop," inspired him to make an album about space. In a similar vein, the rapper is a huge fan of Matt Groening's "Futurama" and even named his corgi after Philip J. Fry.

But he can't quite pinpoint a favorite episode. "It's so extensive and there are so many great ones," he muses. "There's one in Season 5 where Professor Farnsworth has a parallel universe inside a box. They're all looking at these bizarro versions of themselves and someone says, 'It's like that drug trip I saw in that movie while I was on a drug trip,'" and I thought that writing was so smart and so funny. It's like almost every season is a completely different show."

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# Gorge at the Smorg

Don't miss these new vendors at the Brooklyn food fest's first outdoor weekend.

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We've had a hesitant start to spring, but the season is about to get goosed with Smorgasburg returning for its first outdoor weekend of the year.

On Saturdays beginning April 2, the food market moves from its winter home at Industry City to East River State Park, at Kent Avenue and Seventh Street. On Sundays, find it at Prospect Park's Breeze Hill.

More than 350 new vendors auditioned; the 25 who made it served their dishes at a preview Wednesday night. Here are the five you simply can't miss.

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## Tramezzini NYC

"It's a very old sandwich," says Filippo Paccagnella of his Venetian tramezzini. The thin, pale pockets are made of double-yeasted dough finished with olive oil that yields an unnaturally soft bread, the texture so light it's like biting into a bubble. Paccagnella intends to bake it to order at Smorgasburg. But the focus, he insists, is meant to be on the high-quality ingredients he imports from Italy, like speck and Grana Padano.

## 2nd City Beef

Two Chicago boys left the Windy City 10 years ago but haven't found anything to compare to the "damn good" Italian-style beef sandwiches that are "everyone's favorite" back home. Their take on the French dip, with beef roasted and braised for six hours in Italian seasoning, then warmed in its juices before being piled into a soft hoagie roll with a lashing of spicy giardiniera, is bound to make some converts here, too.
*Saturday only*

## Wowfulls

This ice cream cone made with an actual waffle seems custom created for the Instagram age, but it's actually direct from the streets of 1950s Hong Kong. The Wowfulls team will make a plain waffle — along with one special flavor, like red velvet or green tea — to order each week, rolled around vanilla ice cream and toppings like chewy mochi, mint chocolate chips and Fruity Pebbles dust. Serving suggestion: Allow the ice cream to melt, which turns the crispy waffle fluffy again.

## Rubyzaar Baked

The 15-year veterans of Union Square's holiday market have heard your pleas and are officially making their handmade outside-in cookies available year-round. The rock 'n' roll, soul and other music-inspired creations like the Midnight Train to Georgia (peaches, pecans, maple, dark chocolate) are all here — and baker Sarah Rubin has created Rice Krispies versions, too, along with egg creams using homemade syrups.

## Kotti

The doner kebab that made its way from Turkey to Germany has undergone a lot of changes at the tastes of Berlin's street meat set. For one thing, they're very partial to sauces and, interestingly, corn and lima beans. These traditional doner fixings are present, along with clouds of fresh feta and better meat than you've ever eaten off a skewer, served on either foccaccia or a pretzel bun.
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## "Everybody Wants Some!!"

**Director:** Richard Linklater
**Stars:** Blake Jenner, Glen Powell
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Blake Jenner, Glen Powell, Temple Baker and Forrest Vickery play four of the young baseball bros in Richard Linklater's "Everybody Wants Some!!" PARAMOUNT PICTURES

Richard Linklater's "Everybody Wants Some!!" is billed as the "spiritual sequel" to "Dazed and Confused," but it's really the spiritual sequel to nearly all Linklaters. If there's one thing all his movies share — on top of goofy humanism, an undying curiosity in others and visuals that are deceptively plain — it's the combination of joy and terror that comes from living in the moment. Sometimes those moments are happy ("Before Sunrise"), sometimes they're painful ("Before Midnight"), but they will always pass, eaten up in the cruel march of existence.

So it goes with "Everybody Wants Some!!," which on its face is a bro hangout movie about really cool bros. It's 1980 and our heroes are a baker's dozen of fun-loving guys on a Texas college baseball team with three days to kill before fall classes begin. There's nothing much on their schedules — just bars, nightclubs, more bars, maybe a frou-frou performance art school party and plenty but plenty of ball-busting.

Our sort-of lead — a pretty boy nice guy named Jake (Blake Jenner) — is smitten with a flirty-surly girl, Beverly (Zoey Deutch), but he's in no rush to make her his. After all, there's drinking to do first.

"Dazed and Confused" waited till the final stretch to put a grim, cosmic spin on the fun: that the beer-soaked high school partying we'd just seen better not be the best years of their lives. Some of us may come to "Everybody Wants Some!!" with the baggage of past Linklaters, especially the "Before" films, where youth and love and passion fades over the series and the decades. We may know that the plotless zeal captured in this film is ultimately bittersweet — that their Adonis bodies will one day fail them, that life will throw them curveballs (if you will), that every joy is but transitory. In fact, if "Everybody's" truly a spiritual sequel to anything it's "Magic Mike XXL": a good times romp that ends with the realization that the good times one day end. Drink up, if you can.

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Much is expected from Noah Syndergaard in 2016, which will be his second year in the bigs. GETTY IMAGES

# Mets season preview: World Series or bust

The Mets begin their long journey on Sunday night.

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The Mets will look to build on their most successful campaign in years when they open their 2016 season on Sunday night. They'll travel to face the team that knocked them out of the World Series five months ago, the Kansas City Royals.

Fortunately for Mets fans, it looks like they can expect another winning season in 2016. Their pitching rotation is amongst the best in baseball, and it is led by Matt Harvey, who gets the Opening Day start. Harvey (13-8, 2.71 ERA in 2015) said of facing the Royals in Game 1 of 162: "It's going to bring back a lot of memories, but it's also going to bring back a lot of fire."

It's still unclear how the Mets will handle their starters in the early going, considering they'll play just two games between April 3 and 7, but the logical candidate to be the No. 2 starter is Jacob deGrom. The 2014 NL Rookie of the Year, deGrom had an equally excellent 2015, going 14-8 with a 2.54 ERA.

Behind him is sophomore Noah Syndergaard. He had his early struggles, but Syndergaard showed poise in the postseason, and his 9-7 record with a 3.24 ERA from the regular season is nothing to be sneezed at.

Steven Matz, who had a brief but brilliant rookie campaign (4-0, 2.27 ERA in 35.2 IP), is expected to be named the fourth starter. He's had some difficulty getting batters out in spring training, but management is hopeful he'll put it together when it counts.

Bartolo Colon (14-13, 4.16 ERA), the ageless wonder and 2015's Opening Day starter, is expected to hold down the fort at the back of the rotation until promising prospect Zack Wheeler returns from Tommy John surgery this summer.

Meanwhile, the Mets' lineup is as stacked as it's been in years, thanks primarily to Yoenis Cespedes. Cespedes, who apparently took a pay cut to return to New York, is hopeful he'll pick up where he left off in 2015.

"I loved my experience with the Mets last season," Cespedes said in a statement after re-signing with the club. "In a short period of time, my teammates and the fans made New York feel like home, and I truly felt embraced by the entire organization."

Cespedes is expected to stay in the heart of the order, while Curtis Granderson leads things off. Granderson thrived in this role last year after a disappointing 2014. Behind him is Mets cornerstone third baseman David Wright, who can hopefully stay healthy this year. Lucas Duda, the Mets biggest power threat, should be either third or fourth in the lineup. He's followed by free agent pickup second baseman Neil Walker, who will try to do his best Daniel Murphy impression. Travis d'Arnaud, Michael Conforto and Wilmer Flores are expected to complete a very promising lineup.

And for the first time in a long time, the Mets have a reliable bench to turn to; Juan Lagares, Asdrubal Cabrera and Kevin Plawecki are all expected to make big contributions.

Finally, the Mets bullpen is among the most feared in the game. Jeurys Familia, who compiled 43 saves in his first full year as the closer, is the overriding reason. But he has company in the form of free agent acquisition Antonio Bastardo, as well as 2015 deadline pickup Addison Reed. Hansel Robles and Jerry Blevins, among other reliable options, are expected to pitch some important innings as well.

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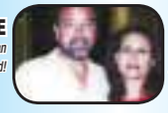

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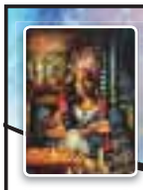

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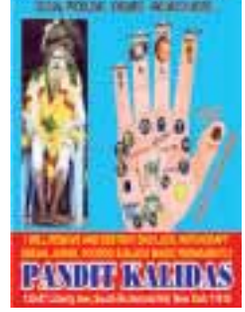

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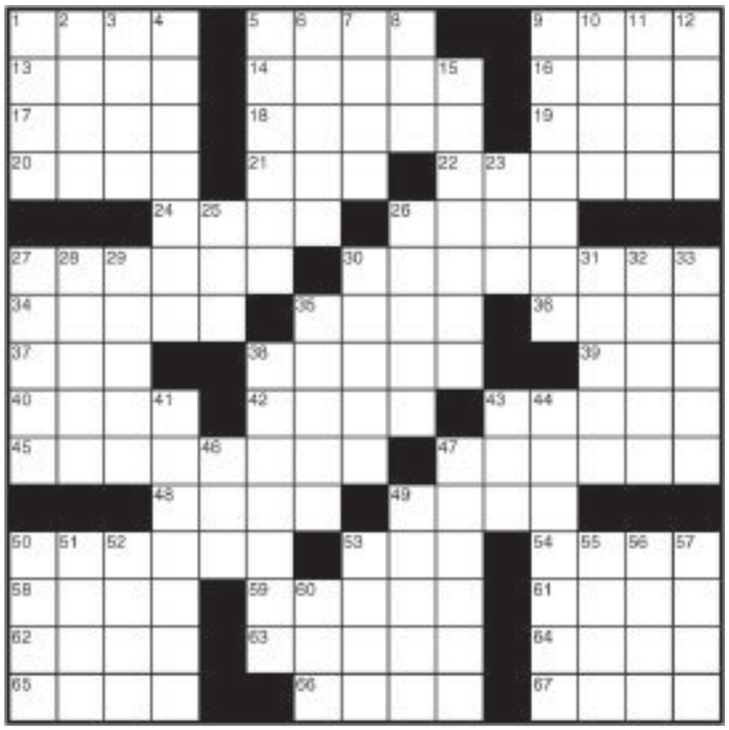

**Across**

1 Mound of earth
5 Heavy metal band
9 Nimble
13 Tony's cousin
14 Mustang
16 Mr. Ducommun
17 Leaning tower city
18 Insurance giant
19 Reunion attendee
20 NFL broadcaster
21 Eur. airline
22 Loud watercraft (2 wds.)
24 Giant-ant movie
26 Hindu mystic
27 On the loose
30 Settle
34 Treat a wound
35 Roused up
36 Gooey mass
37 John, in Glasgow
38 Golfer's shouts
39 High dudgeon
40 Cote dwellers
42 Smoke-detector output
43 "The Wreck of the Mary —"
45 Without thinking
47 Apartments without rent
48 Team setback
49 Red meat
50 Deepest
53 Sine — non
54 Night fliers
58 — Man Triathlon
59 Meets edge to edge
61 Cafe au —
62 DEA operative
63 VIP accommodations
64 Impromptu screwdriver
65 Great merriment
66 Road map info
67 Shut with a bang

**Down**

1 Optimistic feeling
2 Heron kin
3 Kiddie talk?
4 Shacks (hyph.)
5 Belittled
6 It may be sour
7 Pixels
8 News channel
9 Auditorium concern
10 Positive sign
11 Icy place
12 Sherpa's sighting
15 Coaxes
23 "I" trouble
25 — -been
26 Blouse parts
27 Farewell
28 Muscle
29 Keep subscribing
30 Trite
31 Saga of Hector and Priam
32 Man in a mask
33 Touche provokers
35 Cashmere and merino
38 Pinata occasions
41 Hush
43 Woodland creature
44 Swaddles
46 Brillo rival
47 Halts
49 Mesa's cousin
50 Ding-a- —
51 Aloud
52 Got threadbare
53 Throw in the towel
55 Banshees do it
56 City or bean
57 Pipe handle
60 Clingy seedpod

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**easy**

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**hard**

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# metro.us/horoscopes

**Aries** If someone is being difficult, walk away. It's important to focus on what you can do, not what you are unable to do. Be positive and make changes that encourage personal growth.

**Taurus** If you embrace a challenge, you will make a lasting impression. Your ability to be diplomatic yet firm will give you the edge and put you in a position of power.

**Gemini** Keep your life simple and don't complicate matters by getting involved with people who don't share your beliefs, morals or integrity. Focus on personal change, not changing others.

**Cancer** Share your feelings and be willing to compromise if it will help you get ahead. Love is encouraged, and making a romantic gesture will be well-received.

**Leo** A carefully thought-out and disciplined approach will be unbeatable. If you take pride in what you do, you will be recognized for your talent and ability to bring about positive change.

**Virgo** A partnership is favored. Sharing your ideas and plans for the future will help you come to an agreement with someone you want to spend more time with.

**Libra** Look for alternative ways to put your skills to good use. Don't be daunted by someone's negativity or lack of help. Do your own thing and reap the rewards.

**Scorpio** You'll have an impact on the people you encounter. The collaboration that unfolds will become a valuable venture. A romantic development will make your day.

**Sagittarius** Don't take the blame for someone else's mistake. Protect your reputation by being precise and honest. Don't be tempted by a lofty scheme. A physical risk will result in injury.

**Capricorn** Make a financial change that ensures the absolute privacy of your personal affairs. One of your ideas will lead to a window of opportunity. Romance is encouraged.

**Aquarius** Strive to be your best. Personal growth will unfold if you read a self-help book or engage in something that updates your awareness or improves your look or appeal.

**Pisces** The unfamiliar will draw you in. You'll be tempted to indulge in pastimes that can be costly. Protect your cash, physical health and reputation. A romantic opportunity is apparent. EUGENIA LAST

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